

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claim 7 has been amended to correct the language problem noted by the Examiner.

With regard to the double patenting rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith. It is noted that this is a fax copy from the Assignee of the present application, and the original will be forwarded for filing in this application when it is received by mail.

Turning now to the Section 102 and 103 rejection, it is respectfully submitted that the cited German patent does not anticipate or make obvious the subject matter of the present claims. Furthermore, and more importantly, the parent of the present application was filed in the United States on December 15, 1994, and the German patent only has a publication date of July 13, 1995, and, thus, does not seem to be relevant prior art.

In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

We enclose our check No. 1671 in the amount of \$165.00 as payment of the disclaimer fee (\$110) and one (1) month extension of time (\$55). The Commissioner is authorized to charge Counsel's Deposit Account No. **12-2475** for any fees required that are not covered, in whole or in part, by a check enclosed herewith and to credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account **12-2475**.

Respectfully submitted,

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